



Grants Pass Department Of Public Safety

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Nature: Children left inside vehicles

Location: Throughout the City

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In 2016, 39 children died from being left in hot cars nationwide. From 01/01/17 to 5/24/17 there have been 9 deaths documented. This is caused by our daily routines and distractions that cause people to forget or mistakenly leave their children unattended in vehicles. Children are at a greater risk of death because their bodies heat up three to five times faster than an adult. Not all deaths were caused by children being left unattended in cars, but also from kids locking themselves in vehicles to play. We need to prevent these tragedies from reaching our community by informing parents of the danger and the public of what their response should be.

- Dial 911 immediately if you see a child left in a vehicle.
- Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle even if you leave the windows open. When the outside temperature is 101 degrees the inside temperature of a vehicle reaches 140 degrees.
- Never leave your child in a running vehicle. It only takes a moment for the child to put the vehicle out of park or for someone to steal your vehicle with your child in it.
- Place your cell phone, purse, briefcase, gym bag, or whatever you are going to carry in with you, on the back seat or on the floor in front of your child. This will remind you that your child is back there when you reach back to get your items.
- Set a cell phone reminder to make sure you dropped your child off at daycare.
- Have a pre-plan with your daycare so that they will call you if your child is late. If your schedule changes, make sure your daycare provider is aware.
- To prevent children from being locked in a trunk lock all your doors and trunk when everyone has exited the vehicle. Keep keys out of your children's reach.
- If your child is missing check your vehicle and trunk first.
- Teach your children that vehicles are never to be used as a play area.

If you have any questions, please contact Officer Lesley Donaghy Grants Pass Department of Public Safety Crime Prevention Bureau at 541-450-6245.